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BOOK REVIEWS

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A CAMPAIGN AGAINST CONSUMPTION, a collection of papers relating to tuberculosis. By Arthur Ransome, M.D., F.R.C.P., F.R.S. Hon. Fellow of Caius College, Cambridge; Consulting Physician to the Manchester Hospital for Consumption and to the Bournemouth Hospital; Late Professor of Public Health to Victoria University and Examiner in Sanitary Science and Public Health to Cambridge and Victoria Universities; Milroy Lecturer to Royal College of Physicians (in 1890). Cambridge: At the University Press, 1915. Price 10/6.

"Rally the scattered cause, and the line
That nature twists, be ready to untwine."

Religio Medici.

This book represents the experience of a lifetime spent in fighting for a cause that has only been popular for a comparatively short time. Certainly to one who, like Dr. Ransome, began the fight in 1860, it must have seemed that his fellow physicians were a long time in entering the campaign. It consists of some twenty or more papers treating of the nature of the disease conditions of infection, notes on treatment, etc. It is not suitable for use as a text book, but it contains much that is of interest to the student of public health and especially to those engaged in the campaign against tuberculosis.

A TEXT-BOOK OF CHEMISTRY AND CHEMICAL URINALYSIS FOR NURSES.

By Harold L. Amoss, S.B., S.M., M.D., DR. P.H. Formerly Chemist, Hygienic Laboratory, United States Public Health Service; Physiological Chemist, United States Bureau of Chemistry; Instructor in Physiological Chemistry, George Washington University Medical School, Washington, D. C.; Assistant in Preventive Medicine, Harvard Medical School, Boston, Mass., etc. Lea & Febiger, Philadelphia and New York, 1915.

Unlike some contemporary writers Dr. Amoss has no fear of a nurse knowing too much. He says that the more chemistry a nurse knows in usable form, the greater her value to the patient and to the physician.

He does not claim that his book contains all a nurse need know, but rather that here is to be found the very least that she can get along with, of chemistry. The relatively short time allowed for teaching the subject in most schools has been noted by the author who has made a point of demonstrating by simple experiments from the start, with a view to attracting the student and arousing a desire to follow the first lessons to the point of intelligent understanding. The book begins with the very familiar process of slaking lime which is used to illustrate the typical and chemical changes possible in elemental substance. Quite naturally the student arrives at the chemical composition of food-stuffs and the chemical processes of digestion. The book concludes with a chapter on chemical urinalyses.

MILK AND MILK PRODUCTS IN THE HOME. By John Michels, B.S.A., M.S. Professor of Dairying and Animal Husbandry in the New York State School of Agriculture, Author and Publisher of *Dairy Farming, Market Dairying and Milk Products; Creamery Butter-making*. Illustrated. Published by the Author, Farmingdale, New York.

The book is dedicated to The Cow in the following words from W. D. Hoard. "The cow is the foster mother of the human race. From the day of the ancient Hindoo to this time have the thoughts of men turned to this kindly and beneficent creature as one of the chief sustaining forces of human life." Students in home economics and housekeepers, whom the author has found lacking in knowledge of the value of milk as a food, are addressed particularly by Professor Michels. Beginning with the chemical analysis of milk he warns his readers that it is not to be judged by its composition alone, as cleanliness and purity must be taken into consideration as well. On account of its highly absorbent quality, milk easily becomes contaminated; for this reason he recommends the use of pasteurized milk, claiming that in this case the dearest is the cheapest. The formulae of various modifications are given, the process for condensed milk is outlined and the various soured beverages. Butter and cheese also receive consideration and the book concludes with an outline of the conditions an inspector should find on every dairy farm.